shares of the States including Kerala had been determined by the Finance Commissions in accordance with the priniciples adopted by them.

(b) The recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission for 1990—95 have already been accepted by the Government.

(c) and (d) The State Government has referred to the over all revenue deficit of Rs. 219.46 crores left uncovered by the Commission for 1990-91 and requested for overdraft facility of Rs. 220 crores for the current year to meet the revenue expenditure needs of the State and a long term loan of Rs. 100 crores. These requests of the State Government are under consideration and final decisions are expected to be taken soon.

Loss to Exchequer Due to Reduction in Customs Duty

1065. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of B.J.P. that on account of liberalised reduction in customs duty there will be a loss to the tune of Rs. 12000 crores to the exchequer during the next six years; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to arrest the fall in customs duty collection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The Government is not aware of any liberalised of BJP that on account of liberalised reduction in customs duty there will be a loss to the tune of Rs. 12,000 crores to the exchequer during the next six years.

(b) Does not arise.

Quantum of Loans waived

1066. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans so far waived under the loan waiver scheme, State-wise; and

(b) the number of farmers benefited thereby?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Implementation of the agricultural Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 is at different stage of implementation in various States. Till the banks submit the claim statements, it would not be possible to indicate any estimates State-wise about the number of farmers who are likely to be benefited by the scheme. Similarly, the amount of money involved in the debt relief scheme can be worked out only after banks perpare the list of beneficiaries eligible for relief under the Scheme.

Financial Assistance to States for Writing off Agricultural Loans

1067. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have approached the centre for financial help for writing off the agricultural loans; and

(b) if so, the details of the demand and the state-wise financial help proposed to be provided to the State Governments to meet their financial burden?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Government of India have formulated a scheme known as 'Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990' for providing debt relief to farmers, landless cultivators, artisans and weavers upto Rs. 10,000/- by public sector banks and regional rural banks